

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 8 and 26 and amend claims 1 and 11 as follows:

1. (Amended) A friction material designed for fitting to a device employing friction in a liquid medium, comprising a mat of non-woven fibres impregnated with a thermosetting resin, wherein said fibres have a length of at least 12 mm, and wherein the thermosetting resin includes a polar solvent.

11. (Twice Amended) A friction material according to Claim [1] 4, [wherein fillers in powder form are added to the thermosetting resin, and] wherein said fillers in powder form are selected from the group consisting of copper, rockwool, carbon, zirconium silicate, iron sulphide, alumina, rubber and diatoms.

REMARKS

I. **OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS**

The drawings were objected to by the Examiner because they are not in English. Applicants respectfully submit herewith a Proposed Amendment to the Drawings. The proposed amendment is noted in red ink for the Examiner's consideration. Specifically, the labels in Figure 4 are translated into English. Withdrawal of the objection and approval of the corrections to Figure 4 are respectfully requested.